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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In June 2009, Hortense Brice retired from teaching
3 after dedicating 41 years to education in the Chicago Public
4 School system; and

5 WHEREAS, She received her Bachelor of Science Degree from
6 Illinois State University, her Master's Degree in Curriculum
7 and Instruction from the University of Illinois in Chicago, and
8 trained for 36 hours in Science Education at the Illinois
9 Institute of Technology; and

10 WHEREAS, After obtaining her degrees she partook in
11 workshops, conferences, and graduate-level courses in various
12 fields of science at respected universities to further her
13 knowledge in the subject and expand her capability to teach it
14 to high school students; and

15 WHEREAS, She created the first biotechnology curriculum in
16 the Chicago Public School system; and

17 WHEREAS, In the mid-1990s she taught elements of
18 biotechnology at Whitney Young Magnet High School and taught
19 the first full-time biotechnology course at Lindblom Math and
20 Science Academy in Chicago Illinois; and

1 WHEREAS, Her meeting with Dr. George Keiffer of the
2 University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana secured a grant from
3 the National Science Association that helped to provide formal
4 training in biotechnology to more Chicago Public high school
5 educators; and

6 WHEREAS, She arranged for Chicago Public high school
7 teachers to enroll in the two-year biotechnology training
8 course at the University of Illinois; and

9 WHEREAS, In the spring of 2006, she worked with the After
10 School Matters program to develop a successful pharmaceutical
11 drug curriculum for high school students; and

12 WHEREAS, She has been recognized as an outstanding
13 educator, researcher, and trainer for the next generation of
14 young scientists by receiving the iBio Institute iCON Knowledge
15 Builder Award for grades 6-12; and

16 WHEREAS, Even after retirement, she continues to attend
17 science training programs, including the five-day
18 biotechnology immersion program held by the Biotechnology
19 Institute at the BIO International Convention; and

20 WHEREAS, After her retirement Ms. Brice established, in
21 partnership with Baxter International, Inc., the Biotechnology

1 Center of Excellence, a professional development course for
2 Chicago Public School teachers to learn the fundamentals of
3 biotechnology; the Center has, in 3 years, taught nearly 90
4 teachers at the junior high and high school levels, and has
5 brought both acumen and biotechnology tools into the classroom;
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we recognize Hortense Brice for her dedication to the teaching
10 of advanced science to high school students in Chicago Public
11 Schools; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Hortense Brice as a symbol of our respect and
14 esteem.